

REMARKS

In view of the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 filed on December 21, 2005, claims 1-4, 7 and 12-27 are pending in the present application.

Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification

Responsive to the enclosed Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification dated February 15, 2006, page 7 of the present application has been amended so that the Brief Description of the Drawings section includes description of Fig. 15. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been entered via this Amendment to the Specification, particularly in view of the detailed description of Fig. 15 as beginning on page 28 of the application. Accordingly, favorable consideration and entry of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Claim 27

Claim 27 as presented in the previous Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 dated December 21, 2005, was dependent upon claim 5. However, claim 5 was previously canceled. Accordingly, claim 27 has been corrected by way of this current Amendment to be dependent upon claim 26.

During a telephone conversation on February 7, 2006, Examiner Parekh acknowledged receipt and confirmed entry of the previous Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 filed on December 21, 2005. Examiner Parekh also agreed to prepare an

Examiner's Amendment, in order to amend claim 27 to be dependent upon claim 26 instead of canceled claim 5. Thus, for purposes of convenience and to expedite printing of the corresponding patent, claim 27 as herein amended incorporates the above noted correction as agreed upon by Examiner Parekh.

Conclusion

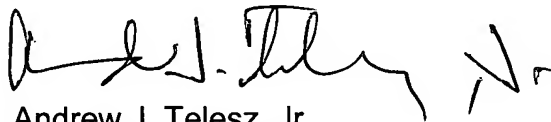
Favorable consideration and entry of this Supplemental Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 are respectfully requested, without withdrawing the present application from issue.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. J. Telesz, Jr.", followed by a checkmark-like flourish.

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